



Community News & Events

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Assemblymember Hayashi Hosted a Free Vision Screening Clinic for Seniors



In observance of January being National Glaucoma Awareness Month, Assemblymember Mary Hayashi and Prevent Blindness Northern California along with ophthalmologists from the California Academy of Eye Physicians and Surgeons hosted a Free Vision Screening Clinic for Seniors on January 11th at the Marina Community Center in San Leandro.



Thanks to these organizations, seniors were screened for glaucoma, cataracts and general vision deficiencies.

January 13th Established as Korean-American Day



Assemblymember Mary Hayashi introduced Assembly Concurrent Resolution (ACR) 86 establishing January 13th as Korean-American Day in recognizing the important contributions Korean-Americans have made to the State of California and our country. As the first Korean-American woman elected to the California State Assembly, Assemblymember Hayashi believes that this day should reflect on the courage and value of our forefathers who sought the American Dream and to take pride in and understand the Korean cultural heritage so that all may better contribute to the great State of California, rich with ethnic and cultural diversity.

18th Assembly District Celebrates Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday and Life



Communities throughout the 18th Assembly District celebrated the life's work of one of the greatest civil right leaders in our country's history, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The Eden Area YMCA hosted a Great Community Fellowship Breakfast at California State University East Bay on Wednesday, January 16th.

Pictured is CSUEB President Mo Qayoumi speaking to the audience in front of the musical guest, Linda Tillery and the Cultural Heritage Choir.

On January 21st, the City of Hayward, NAACP of Southern Alameda County, Hayward Unified School District and the Hayward Arts Council presented an evening of performances in celebration of Dr. King's life.

Pictured is the Anthony Ochoa Middle School Choir singing "Shine on Me."



Hayashi Co-Hosted a Consumer Home Mortgage Town Hall and Resource Fair



with credit counselors and loan lenders.

Experts from various state agencies including the California Department of Consumer Affairs and the California Department of Housing and Community Development offered workshop assistance and literature on how best to handle a home mortgage crisis. If you were unable to attend, please click on the Home Mortgage Crisis icon to learn more about how to protect yourself from foreclosure.

On Saturday, January 12th, Assemblymember Hayashi co-hosted a Consumer Home Mortgage Town Hall and Resource Fair in Oakland. It was standing room only as residents learned how to best handle adjustable rate mortgage resets by talking



Assemblymember Hayashi Responds to Governor's Budget Proposal



Given the proposed cuts in the Governor's 2008-09 Budget of nearly \$14.5 billion, I want to assure residents of the 18th Assembly District that the Legislature cares about and is mindful of what is important to working families in California. Along with many other representatives across the state, I am very concerned that the budget does not reflect those needs and values in areas from public safety and healthcare, to the environment and education. It is no small matter to consider that this budget would cut healthcare for the disabled and the elderly, and close 48 state parks and beaches.

There is no doubt that we are in a tough situation that will call for difficult decisions, but we remain committed to solving the budget deficit as we have in the past, and to doing so with a strong regard to values and livelihood of the people we serve. Our state budget should

represent our values, and we must persevere in finding solutions that will still protect working families and the most vulnerable of California's communities. It is important to remember that in addressing the budget, we cannot just cut programs; we have to fix larger problems like healthcare and the mortgage crisis because these are the issues that are having a huge impact on our state revenue and spending.

Assemblymember Hayashi Receives a Perfect Score from Planned Parenthood



Planned Parenthood Affiliates of California (PPAC) released its 2007 Legislative Scorecard and honored Assemblymember Mary Hayashi for having a perfect Pro-Choice voting record in the California Legislature. The scorecard identified bills important for women to receive comprehensive sexual education, gain

access to reproductive health care, and notably, the right to choose a safe and legal abortion.

Assemblymember Hayashi authored and co-authored two of the three PPAC highlighted bills in the scorecard that both the legislature passed and the governor signed into law. They include SB 94, which increases Medi-Cal reimbursement rates for the state's family planning program and AB 1328, which would have eliminated eligibility barriers to the Access for Infants and Mothers Program.

The American Cancer Society Gives Assemblymember Mary Hayashi a Perfect Score

The American Cancer Society, California Division, released its 2007 Legislative Scorecard and recognized Assemblymember Mary Hayashi for having a perfect voting record for cancer-related legislation. The scorecard identified 19 bills and 2 resolutions important to improving access to care, expanding cancer awareness programs, and reducing environmental exposures that lead to cancer.

The American Cancer Society reported that 54,000 Californians died from cancer related illnesses in 2007. Fifty percent of all Californians born today will face cancer related illnesses during their lifetime and twenty percent will succumb to the disease. Cancer is the second-leading cause of death in California.

Assemblymember Hayashi Honored Frank Saiz, HCC's Firefighter of the Year



On January 25th, Assemblymember Mary Hayashi honored Mr. Frank Saiz for being awarded "Firefighter of the Year" by the Hayward Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Saiz was recognized for his efforts in organizing the Toys for Tots campaign where the Hayward Firefighters donate nearly 4,000 toys each year. He also manages the annual softball tournament which raises money for burn victims. Mr. Saiz has been a member of the Hayward Firefighters, following in his dad's footsteps, for over ten years. Congratulations!

Lincoln Child Center Celebrates its 125th Anniversary

2008 marked the 125th Anniversary of Lincoln Child Center in Oakland. Lincoln provides mental health services for children and families throughout the Bay Area. Its mission is to enable vulnerable and emotionally troubled children to lead independent and fulfilling lives.

Lincoln also offers a Kinship Program in Hayward to help family members who are raising another family member's children when the parents are absent and/or unable to raise them. Many of these children are living with their relatives as an alternative to foster care. Best wishes for another 125 years!



Taiwanese – American Federation of Northern California Honored for its 35th Lunar New Year



The largest annual gathering of the Taiwanese-American community in Northern California was held on January 26th in Hayward. Assemblymember Hayashi honored the organization for its 35th annual Lunar New Year Celebration.

The Taiwanese-American Federation of Northern California (TAFNC) is dedicated to promoting Taiwanese and American cultural exchange in the spirit of harmony and works to co-exist with other diverse groups in California. TAFNC has made outstanding contributions to the local community for the past 35 years. Congratulations!

Update: California Redwood Trees Planted at San Lorenzo High School



As promised, workers during the holiday break planted the remaining California Redwoods along the boundary of San Lorenzo High School and Interstate 238.

Thanks to the students of San Lorenzo High's Environmental Leadership in Action class, CalTrans and ACTIA future generations will benefit from the trees' beauty and their ability to absorb greenhouse gases. Eventually, the trees will provide a visual barrier between the soccer fields and the interstate.

Upcoming Events

Cash for College Workshops Schedule throughout the 18th Assembly District



Do you know a high school senior who plans to go to college this fall or next year? Do they need financial assistance? If so, then let them know about the Cash for College Workshops scheduled now through the end of February throughout the 18th Assembly District. Students, who qualify, can receive a CalGrant worth up to \$9,700 per year for tuition and fees at public or private colleges/universities throughout California.

This is FREE CASH FOR COLLEGE.

For more information, click on the Free Cash for College icon to the left. Don't delay, the deadline to apply is March 2, 2008!

SAVE THE DATE: Green Innovations for a Clean California – April 11th Symposium



Block your calendars for an Earth Enlightening Symposium scheduled for Friday, April 11th from 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Las Positas College, Livermore. In celebration of Earth Day, Assemblymember Hayashi will bring together leading scientists and Clean Tech companies to discuss the latest green innovations for reducing California's Carbon Footprint.

Get onboard the Clean-Tech Train and learn about the fastest growing industry in California!

Tip of the Month

Free Credit Reports for Californians

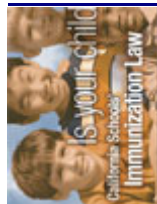
Now that the holiday purchases are over, it may be a good time to request a Free Credit Report. California consumers have a right to receive a credit report once a year from the three nationwide companies (Equifax, Experian and Trans Union).

The accuracy of your report and credit score can make the difference between being able to get a loan for a home or automobile, get a job, or purchase insurance. It's also a method for determining if your identity has been stolen by discovering if you have any unauthorized lines of credit or charges in your report. Although you can receive one free report each year from each agency – the Tip of the Month is to order a free credit report from one of the three credit agencies separately every four months. This way, you can monitor your credit all year long – for free!

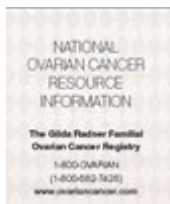
To learn more, go to my resource page on my website at <http://democrats.assembly.ca.gov/members/a18/resources.aspx> and scroll down to "Consumer Protections" and then click on [Free Annual Consumer Credit Report](#).

Resources Available

Publications Available



Child Immunization Law



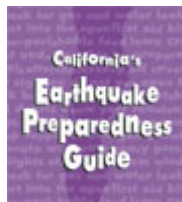
Ovarian Cancer Resource Guide



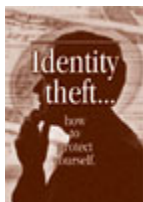
High Blood Pressure



Senior Resource Guide



Earthquake Preparedness Guide
the risk factors!



ID Theft Guide



Diabetes Guide



Stroke: Don't ignore



Breast Cancer Resource Guide



Children's Coloring Book – How a Bill Becomes Law

Free community resource guides are now available in print or online through Assemblymember Mary Hayashi's district office. Over the next few weeks, copies will be made available throughout the 18th Assembly District at senior centers, libraries, health clinics, and community organizations. If you or your organization would like printed copies, contact the district office at (510) 583-8818.

State Resources Website



Want to find energy saving tips? Find it and over 170 other state resource links that offer valuable information on a wide range of topics such as how to find a smog-check only station, how to receive free cash for college, how to protect yourself from identity theft, and how to apply for a FasTrak toll device.

To visit the new webpage, log on to Assemblymember Hayashi's official homepage at www.assembly.ca.gov/hayashi and click on the State Resources Websites link. This will lead web browsers to a list of service-based websites. From there click on any of the service links and be directed to the appropriate state agency's website.

Whether you're looking for tips on how to save on prescriptions or attempting to find the nearest recycling center, this new webpage is a convenient and comprehensive resource.

If you prefer not to receive email updates or correspondences from the Office of Assemblymember Hayashi, please opt-out by emailing your request to Christopher.parman@asm.ca.gov.